



THE BETTENDORF ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Bettendorf, Iowa, Rotary Club
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Next meeting:

Noon Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2011,
at The Fortune Garden Restaurant

Sen. Grassley stops by for a chat & Chinese

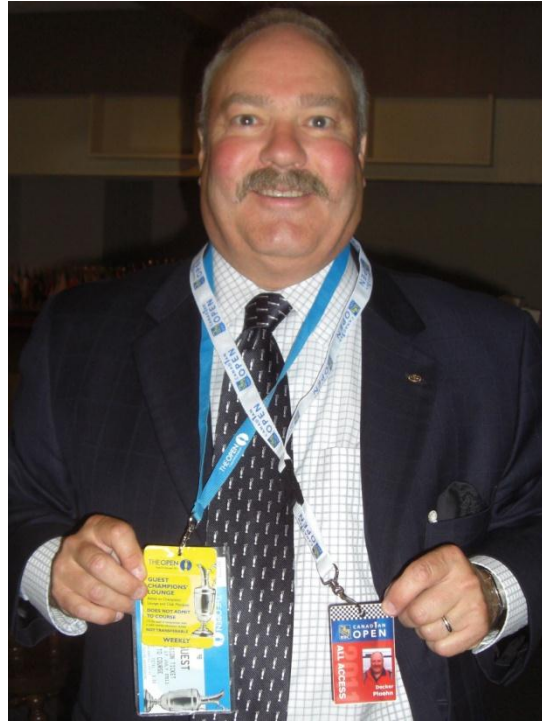


Our guest speaker at the Aug. 17 meeting is scheduled to be **U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley**, R-Iowa. Iowa's senior senator (serving since 1981), he is the ranking Republican on the

Senate Judiciary Committee. Sen. Grassley also serves on the committees on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, and Finance, and on several subcommittees of each. He is a member of the Joint Committee on Taxation of the Judiciary Committee and serves as co-chairman of its Caucus on International Narcotics Control.

Mr. Grassley served three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives (1975-81) and the Iowa House (1959-74).

Born and reared in New Hartford, Iowa, he earned B.A and M.A. degrees at Iowa State Teachers College (now University of Northern Iowa).



Last meeting:

Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2010

Decker's QC-to-UK-to-Canada golf trek

President Scott introduced our speaker as "a man who needs no introduction." And then he sat down. **Decker Ploehn** found his way to the microphone anyhow, and talked about his golf fan's dream trip – from the QC, aboard a chartered Boeing 767, to Sandwich, England, for The Open Championship (aka The British Open), then to Vancouver, B.C., for the Canadian Open – showing lots of photos.



The QC's John Deere Classic was the starting point for this Open Odyssey: after **Steve Stricker's** win (his



Decker and guest Heidi Parkhurst

3rd straight), 19 of the JDC golf pros hopped aboard the jet, along with the Ploehns and other board members, to be delivered to Sandwich. The trip with ultra-VIP treatment for the golfers is a way to build rapport with the pros – thereby building the QC’s event – while also reinforcing the partnership among the three golfing events, Decker explained.

Once in England, he described the experience something like this: toured castles... found a pub... cloudy every day... wore rain suits a lot... found a pub... took a nap... found a pub... “speed-dated” London... HUGE bunkers in the Royal St. George’s course... found a pub... took a short (4.5-mile) walk to dinner... “We toured Deal Village city hall, so we can write the whole thing off,” Decker quipped. After a 12-hour flight from the U.K (with a refueling stop in Reykjavik, Iceland), the Ploehns & Co. arrived in Vancouver – where cloudy skies and jacket weather greeted them.

The meeting opened...

... with **President Scott Naumann** leading recitation of “The 4-Way Test” and singing of the patriotic song, “God

Bless America.” After Moments of Reflection, the singing continued under the direction of maestro **Tom Howard** with pianist **Gail Baldwin**: “Vive le Rotary,” “My Wild Irish Rose” and “Let There Be Peace on Earth.”



Secretary Chuck introduced: Visiting Rotarian:

Terry Westbrook, East Moline: Banking

Guests:

Steven Taets with **Terry Westbrook**
Michelle Girsch with **Connie Mangler**
Norm Voelliger, Clair Peterson & Heidi Parkhurst with **Decker Ploehn**

Announcements...

➔ **WQPT Challenge. President Scott** called for one more volunteer to staff the phones during tonight’s phone-a-thon. Members who worked the phones were **Kristen Adams, Duncan Cameron, Decker Ploehn, Susan Praul and Brian Rolf**. If you didn’t pledge Wednesday night, contact WQPT: 309/764-2400 x.5023 (and say you’re a member of Bettendorf Rotary), or login: <http://www.wqpt.org/supportWQPT/>.

➔ **Run With Carl.** Signup sheets went around the room seeking volunteers for the Labor Day event – of which BRC is the Presenting



Sponsor. Volunteers are needed for all positions – traffic control, water stops, cookies and packet stuffing on Sept. 3 at the Life Fitness Center.

➔ **Rotary-in-Motion Challenge.** In the absence of **Dick Schillig**, team captains were on their own – and it was, frankly,



Kathy Duda and Kevin Kraft

pretty disorganized. Both **Kevin Kraft** (“Mile High Club”) and **Beverly Murray** – standing in for **Jonna Schuler** (“Racy Rotarians”) – said their teams had topped a million steps. **Kurt Lokenvitz** (“Gears in Motion”) said his hadn’t, yet. They did have it together when it came to this week’s Strider awards – **Ann Kappeler**, **Nicole McWilliams** and **S.K. Nanda** – for more than 100,000 steps. Next: Week 6... 26 days to RWC.

➔ **Governor’s visit changed.** In a change of plans, **Don Patterson**, governor of Rotary District 6000, and his wife **Becky** will be with us at the Nov. 9 meeting, instead of Nov. 16.

➔ **BRC Social Hour.** The next social hour will be on **Thursday, Aug. 18, at Governor’s**, Bettendorf, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

New member induction...

➔ **S.K. Nanda** inducted our newest member, **Todd Cahalan**, a structural engineer who heads the recently opened Bettendorf office of Select Structural Engineering. He and his wife Samantha are parents of 8 kids, ages 4-24.



The news...

Fred Anderson reported some of the day’s news: A NATO-led air strike in Afghanistan killed Taliban fighters who caused the weekend helicopter crash that killed 38 U.S. troops.... There seems to be a scary new, roller-coaster-type ride in New York City – it’s called the Dow Jones Industrial Average.... England’s police plan to use water cannons if necessary amid rioting.... Living Lands & Waters will unveil its new floating classroom and living quarters Thursday.... Mandatory sex-education classes are returning to New York City public schools for the first time in nearly



two decades.... A suburban Phoenix man accidentally shot himself in... a very personal place... while putting his girlfriend’s gun

in the waistband of his pants. Later – in a statement that seemed overly obvious – police warned gun-toting residents to carry them in holsters, not waistbands.

Sergeant at arms...

President Scott collected \$150 for our foundations on a day when most Rotarians seemed overly glum.

Ryan \$\$ came from the only apparently happy folks in the room: **Decker Ploehn** – expect a call from the WQPT Challenge tonight – and pledge... **Ann Kappeler** – it took only 5 minutes to get to the meeting... **Glenn Kass** – wrote a check to WQPT on Monday... **Rich James** – happy to bring cooler, dryer weather back from Colorado vacation.

Missing today:

L. Adams, Archer, Ashby, Atnip, Blaske, Brown-6, Carter, G. Coin, H. Coin-2, Chambers-2, DeBuhr, Dobesh-3, Edwards-2, Eikenberry-4, Ellstrom-6, Fremire-2, Freese, Harrison-6, Hartsock, Hintermeister, Hinton-6, Kinsley, Lanum-6, Larsen-3, Legare-2, Loweth, Lundin, McWilliams, Manas-6, L. Miller-2, Nelson-2, Olson, Pelecky-6, Powers, Sarver-5, Schillig, Schuler, Scranton, Sherrick-4, St. Laurent, Volbrecht-6, Willsher, Windmiller-6, Worley-6

Make-ups:

At today's committee meetings: Brian Kennedy, Mike Limberg, Kurt Lokenvitz, Duncan Cameron, John DeDoncker, Steve Sorensen, Diane Ricketts-McCool, S.K. Nanda, Chris Glass, Tim Lane, Bob Gallagher, Jerry Felsing, David Deuth, Decker Ploehn.

Upcoming meetings...

... Thanks to program chair **Brian Kennedy**. Have program ideas? Contact Brian: 340-5114, bmfkennedy@att.net

Aug. 17: U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa

Aug. 24: Jason Glass, director, Iowa Department of Education

Aug. 31: Brian Kennedy, federal health care reform

Sept. 14: Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds



Chuck Mooney and Dave Deuth

News staff...

Editor, reporter: Fred Anderson...

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Make up at another QC club...

Monday, noon: Davenport – The Outing Club

Monday, noon: Moline – Christ the King Catholic Church

Monday, 6 p.m.: QC Illinois – Arbor Village Club House, Moline

Tuesday, 7:15 a.m.: River Cities – Brothers Restaurant, Rapid City

Tuesday, noon: Rock Island – QC Botanical Center

Wednesday, noon: **Bettendorf** – Fortune Garden Restaurant

Wednesday, 5 p.m.: Mini Meet – Lunardi's Restaurant, Davenport

Thursday, 7 a.m.: IA Quad Cities – The Lodge, Bettendorf

Thursday, noon: East Moline – Christ United Methodist Church

Thursday, noon: Milan – Pinnacle Country Club

Friday, noon: North Scott – Steeplegate Inn, Davenport